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CHAIRMAN KEVIN J. MARTIN ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGE: SAMUEL FEDER TO LEAVE FCC

Today, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin J. Martin announced that Samuel Feder, who served as General Counsel from June 2005 until January 2008, is leaving the Commission.

Of this announcement, Chairman Martin said, "It is with deep regret that I announce that Sam Feder, who served as our General Counsel for the past two and a half years, is leaving the Commission to become a partner at Jenner and Block. The Commission is losing an extraordinary individual. Sam provided exceptional legal advice on every matter we faced and also played a crucial role in policy development. I have worked with Sam since the day I became a Commissioner in 2001, and I will greatly miss his excellent judgment and wise counsel. He will be sorely missed by all of us."

Mr. Feder was appointed General Counsel in June 2005; prior to that he served as Chairman Martin's Legal Advisor for spectrum and international issues. He previously served as then-Commissioner Martin's Legal Advisor for wireline matters and as a Legal Advisor to Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth. Before joining the Commission, Mr. Feder worked at Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis, and at Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd & Evans, where he focused on telecommunications and litigation. He has also served as a trial attorney in the Federal Programs Branch of the Department of Justice, specializing in constitutional and administrative law, and as a law clerk to the Honorable Edward R. Becker of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Mr. Feder is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and received his J.D, summa cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School. At Michigan, Mr. Feder received the Daniel H. Grady Prize for graduating first in his class.

Chairman Martin previously announced that Matthew Berry has replaced Mr. Feder as General Counsel.